

SEEK PART OF ARSENAL AREA FOR PRESERVE

For conservation purposes, the members of the Elwood chapter of the Will County Sportsmen's league are asking that a section of the Joliet Arsenal property in Jackson township be leased or deeded to the state department of conservation.

In a letter to Washington authorities, the Elwood club members pointed out that the section which they want set aside includes three farms and a woodland section traversed by Jackson creek, a clear water stream with high banks.

"THE STREAM could be improved with a dam and would serve as an ideal clear water lake," it is mentioned. The letter states further: "The section would be ideal for the propagation of quail and pheasants."

It is pointed out in the letter that the state does not have sufficient funds to purchase the land, but that the conservation department would accept a deed or lease. "There are few places to fish in the county," the letter stresses.

The Elwood chapter is asking for the section of land in behalf of the 7,000 sportsmen in the county. Will county lost some \$41,000 in taxation thru the government's acquisition of the property, it was mentioned.

A REPLY received several days ago from Emily Taft Douglas informed the club that she had contacted the war department in Washington. There she was told that the Joliet Arsenal had not been declared surplus property, but that the arsenal area was declared "standby acreage."

Mrs. Douglas advised the group to contact the field director of the Joliet Arsenal, with offices at the arsenal.